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***USSR-Cuba:** Moscow's concern over recent developments in Cuba, which culminated in the expulsion of veteran Communist leader Anibal Escalante from the National Directorate of the Integrated Revolutionary Organizations (ORI), was reflected in a Pravda editorial on 11 April--the first authoritative Soviet comment on these events. Pravda reaffirmed Soviet support for the Cuban regime and ridiculed speculation in the West of a split between Castro's 26th of July movement and the pre-revolutionary Cuban Communists. It sought to minimize the significance of Castro's 26 March attack on the Communists' apparent drive to consolidate their power at the expense of Castro's followers by endorsing the removal of Escalante as a "dogmatist and sectarian." At the same time, Pravda issued a veiled warning against any further moves by Castro to curtail the power of the pre-revolutionary Communists or to separate himself from them. It downgraded Castro's role as a revolutionary leader by giving equal status to his movement and the Cuban Communist party in the ORI and by characterizing the formation of the ORI as a new stage in the Cuban revolution which will lead to a monolithic Marxist-Leninist party.

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USSR - Communist China: The prolonged break in the Sino-Soviet trade negotiations for 1962 and the unprecedented Chinese silence on the talks suggest that the reduced level of Sino-Soviet economic relations will persist. In past years the preliminary talks, which this year adjourned in Moscow on 9 March, have usually been followed in less than a week by final negotiations. The delay may have been caused in part by the meeting of China's National People's Congress, which has been in session for the past two weeks.

The Peiping propaganda line in meetings of local political study groups, as late as last month, continued to blame Khrushchev and Soviet withdrawal of assistance for contributing to China's economic difficulties. Recent Soviet announcements on intrabloc trade indicate that in 1962, for the third consecutive

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year, Sino-Soviet trade will decline. According to these announcements, total Sino-Soviet trade for 1962 will amount to less than \$1.1 billion compared with approximately \$1.2 billion last year and more than \$2 billion in the peak year of 1959.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS

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[On the basis of findings by its Watch Committee, the United States Intelligence Board concludes that:]

[No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends deliberately to initiate direct military action in the immediate future]

BERLIN: [The Communists, with prospects of further negotiations, are now avoiding major harassments against Western]

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[access to Berlin. Bloc military activity in general continues to suggest that the Soviets do not expect a military confrontation in the near future]

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SOUTH VIETNAM: [The situation is basically unchanged from that of last week. There has been no essential change in the pattern of Viet Cong and government military operations]

INDONESIA: [Further small-scale clashes with the Dutch are likely and preparations for increasing the scale of operations are continuing]

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES

The United States Intelligence Board, on 11 April 1962, approved the following national intelligence estimates:

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SNIE 58-2-62: "Consequences of Certain US Courses in Laos," dated 11 April 1962, classified [redacted]

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SNIE 87.2-62: "The Situation and Prospects in British Guiana," dated 11 April 1962, classified [redacted]

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